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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Toshiki SAKABAYASHI : Attn: ACCOUNTING DIVISION
Serial No. 10/688,908 : REFUND BRANCH
Filed October 21, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1512A
A SHOESTRING TYING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the \$86 PTO fee charged to deposit account 23-0975 on February 6, 2004 because Applicant asserts that this charge is incorrect.

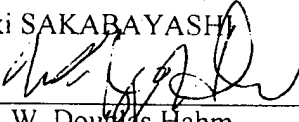
The corresponding fee code indicates this charge was for one independent claim in excess of three. However, Applicant's attorney submitted payment of \$86 for one excess independent claim on December 16, 2003. A copy of check no. 59258 is enclosed. Since there are only four independent claims in total presently pending in this application, this was the only such fee that was necessary. No further paperwork has been received or submitted in connection with the claims in this matter.

Since there is no further reason for this charge and all proper fees have been paid in a timely manner, kindly refund \$86 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975.

Respectfully submitted,

Toshiki SAKABAYASHI

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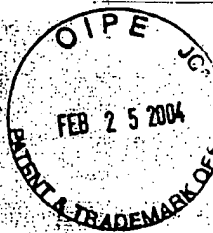

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